

LOCAL NEWS.

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 12.

For this section fair weather until Sunday, no threatening winds and colder.

PERSONAL.—Mrs. S. V. Southall is visiting her sister, Miss J. B. Thompson, on St. Asaph street.

Miss Esther Brooks has returned from a delightful trip to Baltimore.

Invitations are out for a "Tiddy-Tiddy" party to be given by the Misses Hester on Prince street.

Miss Marie Scott, who has been visiting the Misses Herbert on Duke street, has returned to her home in Warrenton.

Miss Etelle Hudgins, of Clifton, is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. M. J. Dano, of Nelson, is visiting friends in this city.

Mr. G. W. D. Ramsay has returned from Salem, where he has been spending the fall.

Miss Minnie Wade charmingly entertained a number of her friends at her residence on Prince street last night at a euchre party.

Miss Grace Carter is visiting the Misses Mendenhall on Prince street.

Miss George S. Fullerton, of Philadelphia, is staying with relatives in this city.

Mr. Bert Davis, who has been here for a day or two, returned this morning to Norfolk.

Mr. George Graham, who has been attending the J. H. Brown Medical College, Philadelphia, is home for the holidays.

Mr. L. M. Bedford was a visitor at the University of Virginia yesterday.

Mr. D. M. C. Ramsey and Miss Fannie Mendenhall were married in Washington on Wednesday.

FORTH CHESAPEAKE AND POTOMAC.—A bill to allow the Chesapeake and Potomac Railroad to enter Washington was introduced in the House yesterday by Mr. Milford.

The route is from the southeast boundary line of the District to any point on the eastern shore of the Annapolis or Eastern Branch of the Potomac south of the northeast boundary line of the District, and north of Glebe Point, and thence across the Annapolis river, and by such streets as necessary to a terminal point practicable for said company, and most convenient for public business and travel.

Similar provisions are embodied granting to the Commissioners powers of supervision as to routes, surveys, etc.

MASONIC.—At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Virginia in Richmond yesterday the resolution to limit the Grand Master to one term instead of two as at present, was reported adversely by the committee, and this ended the matter. District Deputy Grand Masters were reappointed, among them being A. W. Armstrong, of this city; W. L. J. Miles, of Calverton, and G. W. Forsyth, of Front Royal.

It was Mr. Henry J. Turner, of Norfolk, and not State Senator Turner, as stated, who was a candidate for Junior Deacon against Mr. F. A. Reed at the election on Wednesday night.

CHRISTMAS AND SHOPPING.—The business streets of the city during the day and early part of the night, were now an appearance of unusual bustle and animation. The holiday trade has fairly begun. A walk through the streets, where the retail business is carried on, is full of interest.

The displays in some of the store windows are very attractive and varied. The interior of the stores seems filled with a vast and bewildering variety of goods. The GAZETTE is the medium through which to let the people know what the merchants have for the holidays.

HE KILLED FIVE PERSONS.—Charles Joplin shot and killed five persons yesterday at the Joplin road mile, 12 miles from Fort Smith, Ark., and then committed suicide by shooting himself. Those he killed were John Miller, his wife, his grown daughter, Lou Miller, Dr. Stewart, a prominent physician, and a man whose name is not known. The shooting occurred late in the day, and details are meager. The only clue to the cause of the killing lies in the report that Dr. Stewart indicated that Joplin was the cause of Miss Miller's trouble.

WILSON'S MINSTRELS.—George Wilson's minstrels will give a performance at the Opera House Monday night. The Richmond Times says: "The grotesque features were very laughable and the musical selections were good. George Wilson was as funny as ever. This season he was accompanied by a band of musicians, but he still clings to the little white coat that sticks out behind him. He was applauded frequently and had to make numerous responses to encores."

POLICE REPORT.—Last night was clear and cold with two prisoners and ten lodgers at the station house.

The Mayor this morning, disposed of the following cases:

Harvey Fox, for an assault on Geo. King, colored, had his case continued.

Arthur Munkin, for disorderly conduct, had his case continued.

HIGH WIND.—Shortly after midnight last night the wind suddenly rose and blew a perfect gale from the northwest, continuing for several hours. The roar of the wind, the banging of blinds, &c., caused much alarm among the timid, but the gale finally subsided without having done any serious damage.

BALL.—The ball given at Armory Hall last night by Oriental Lodge, K. of P., was well attended and was a decided success. Mayor Davidson was master of ceremonies and led the grand march with Miss Louise Smith. The costumes of the ladies were very handsome and the music delightful. Dancing was kept up till a late hour.

CONTRACT CANCELLED.—The committee on poor last night cancelled the contract with Mr. G. P. Palmer for supplying wood to the poor of the city and awarded the same to Messrs. T. M. Fairfax and J. S. Beach for \$3.30 per cord. The contract with Mr. Palmer was for \$3.30 per cord.

REAL ESTATE SALE.—Messrs. R. T. Lucas & Co. have sold for Miss Isabella Burns, a lot of ground with a three-story brick dwelling thereon, No. 117 Prince street, to Mr. Owen Donnelly, of Washington, for \$1,000.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure.—This is beyond question the most successful Cough Medicine we have ever sold, a few doses invariably cure the worst cases of Cough, Croup and Bronchitis, while its wonderful success in the cure of Consumption is without parallel in the history of medicine. Since its first discovery it has been sold on a guarantee, a test which no other medicine can stand. If you have a cough, we earnestly ask you to try it. Price 10c, 50c, and \$1. If your lungs are sore, chest, or back lame, use Shiloh's Potent Plaster. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro., Agents.

There is much in good blood; but if born of bad blood, "A. B. C. Alternative" is the only remedy.

Woman troubled with headache, will find Simmons Liver Regulator relieves and cures.

We have a speedy and positive cure for catarrh, dysphasia, croup, mouth and throat, SHILOH'S CATARRH REMEDY. A used in conjunction with our other remedies, it will cure all throat and sweet breath. Price 50c. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro., Agents.

LOCAL REVENUES.

Positions were granted yesterday to W. R. A. Stafford Store, and to I. S. Hough, of W. H. Ford.

The Corporation Court, without transacting any business of importance, to-day adjourned for the term.

We have received an invitation to attend the ball to be given by the Junior Hose Company of Roanoke on the 24th.

Numbers of persons from the neighboring counties were in the city yesterday and to-day making their Christmas purchases.

Prof. Mueller will give a free lecture on the system of language teaching by the word-chain method at Fall's Hall to-night.

A lady of being asked yesterday if she had read the GAZETTE, replied "yes, and all the Christmas advertisements which are becoming very interesting."

Three complaints of the irregularity of the receipt of the GAZETTE reached this office yesterday. One from Riverton, one from Trape, Loudoun, and the other from Beltsville, Potomac county.

A city physician's horse recently ran into a telegraph pole and smashed to pieces the buggy to which he was attached. More recently another physician's horse ran into a telegraph pole and carried the pole off with him.

Riverton report two obstacles to navigation in the Potomac in the shape of large trees—one near Mary and Point and the other at the Gums.

The prices of oysters have greatly advanced. There was a spate of snow this morning.

A Course in German

by Prof. Mueller's unequalled system of language teaching will commence Monday, December 15. Free lectures demonstrating the system, and hours for registering at 4:30 and 7:15 p. m. to-day and to-morrow at Fall's Hall. The lessons are exceedingly progressive and enjoyable. By the law of association, words, phrases and idioms are familiarized and retained in the memory in such a manner as to increase the interest in the study from day to day.

A medicine endorsed and used by physicians and druggists—Simmons Liver Regulator.

My own family medicine—Simmons Liver Regulator.—Rev. Jas. M. Ruliner, Fairfield, Va.

A Scrap of Paper Saved Her Life.

It was just an ordinary scrap of wrapping paper but it saved her life. She was in the last stages of consumption, told by physicians that she was incurable and could live only a short time; she weighed less than seventy pounds. On a piece of wrapping paper she read of Dr. King's New Discovery, and got a sample bottle; it helped her, she bought a large bottle, it helped her more, she bought another and grew better fast, continued its use and is now strong, healthy, rosy, plump, weighing 140 pounds. For fuller particulars send stamp to W. H. Cole, Druggist, Fort Smith. Trial bottles of this wonderful Discovery Free at E. S. Leadbeater & Bro's.

If you have over-indulged in eating or drinking take a dose of Simmons Liver Regulator.

SIMMONS' VITALIZER is what you need for Consumption, Loss of Appetite, Dizziness, and all symptoms of Dyspepsia. Price 75 cents per bottle. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro., Agents.

For an unpopular President, the remedy is the ballot; but for impure blood A. B. C. Alternative.

Why do you endure the agony of Dyspepsia? Simmons Liver Regulator will relieve you.

Headache, Neuralgia, Dizziness, Nervousness, Spasms, Sleeplessness, St. Vitus dance, cured by Dr. Miles' Nervine. Sold free at drug stores, by mail 10c. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

On Sunday next the annual "Hospital Sunday" collections for the Alexandria infirmary will be made in the various churches of our city. On the result of these collections will largely depend the continuance and enlargement of the work of the ladies for the sick and suffering poor this winter.

There will be a called meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary at the railroad reading room on Monday, Dec. 15th, at 4 p. m.

Mrs. Geo. Keys, President. Mrs. Wm. Fleming, Secretary. dec 13

FOR SALE—SIX (6) of the largest and hand-somest PUPPIES ever offered in this city. Mother genuine Newfoundland; father thoroughbred St. Bernard. Apply to X, GAZETTE office. dec 12

A FULL LINE OF FRESH NUTS, CANDIES, &c., just received by J. C. MILBURN.

ITALIAN DRIED PEACHES just received by J. C. MILBURN.

A FULL LINE OF MARKET, LUNCH and FANCY BASKETS at J. C. MILBURN'S.

ROCKWOOD & CO'S PREMIUM CHOCOLATE, very fine quality, received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

100 SMALL HAMS, fine quality, just received by J. C. MILBURN.

JUST RECEIVED—A fine line of TOILET SOAPs at 301 King St. WM. T. SMITH.

ROCKWOOD & CO'S BREAKFAST COCOA, a superior article, received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

A GINSENG LOT OF THOSE VERY CHEAP NO. 13 AMOS B. SLAYMAKER'S.

ROSE & BLACKWELL'S JAMS just received by J. C. MILBURN.

CALIFORNIA and TURKISH PRUNES received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

CANNED PINEAPPLE, STRAWBERRIES and LIMA BEANS received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

ROMINY FLAKES, new and nice, just received by J. C. MILBURN.

A LARGE LOT OF EXTRA QUALITY COUNTRY-KNIT SOCKS just received by AMOS B. SLAYMAKER'S.

NEW NAVY BEANS and BLACK-EYED PEAS received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

CUTLERY, SPOONS, FORKS, &c., for restaurant use, CHEAP. Call at 328 King street. J. T. CRIGHTON & SON.

THE BEST FAST-BLACK HOSE for ladies, gentlemen and children at 25c; at AMOS B. SLAYMAKER'S.

GOOD GREEN, BLACK and EXTRA MIXED TEAS for sale at 45c by J. C. MILBURN.

NEW SEEDLESS RAISINS and CURRANTS just received by J. C. MILBURN.

FRESH BUTTER and EGGS constantly received by J. C. MILBURN.

THE EIGHT-HOUR COGNAC CURE. None better. Sold only at 301 King St. WM. T. SMITH.

BEAR LITHIA WATER at 25c per gallon at J. D. H. LUNT'S.

FLOWER POTs—A full stock of Flower Pots for sale low by J. C. MILBURN.

STRAINED HONEY, pure, just received by J. C. MILBURN.

PRIME NEW BUCK WHEAT just received by J. C. MILBURN.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The holiday trade has fully set in, and the general business of the city is fairly active. Money, however, is tight, and none of the banks has more cash on hand than they can readily loan. Rates remain unchanged. In New York yesterday money on call was easy, ranging from 3 to 5, but loan at 3 and closing offered at 3. Prime mercantile paper 7 1/2 to 10. Yesterday evening the Baltimore Mercantile Trust Company reduced the rate of interest on \$1,000,000 of call loans from 6 per cent. to 5 per cent. Notices of this voluntary reduction were sent to the various borrowers and the incident produced an immediate effect of an agreeable nature. State securities were fairly active, among the sales being \$23,500 Virginia new 3 1/4 at 64 1/2, 63 1/2 and 62 1/2, and \$23,000 Virginia ten-forties. \$30,000 Chesapeake and Ohio Canal 6s of 1885 sold at 25. For local news we quote:

Va. 3s new	62 1/2	60
Va. 4s old 1882	60	60
Va. 4s old 83, 1 1/2	55	55
Va. 10-40s C. N. F.	20	00
Virginia Midland 1st	115	00
Virginia Midland 2ds	114	00
Virginia Midland 4ths	85	00
Virginia Mid and 5ths	80	00
C. F. & Y. V. 6s	90	101

New York, Dec. 12.—The stock market opened this morning with a little scare of the shorts, and under brisk bidding for stocks first prices were from 1/4 to 1 per cent. better than the final prices of yesterday. The upward movement made further material progress, however, and on an active trading in the leading stocks a gain of from 1/2 to 1 per cent. generally occurred. The prices, however, were not well maintained, and at 11 o'clock the market, while active and firm, was fractionally lower than the highest prices.

BALTIMORE, December 12.—Virginia consols — 10-40s — Co 3s 62 1/2.

Wholesale Prices of Produce in Alexandria

Flour, fine	\$2 75	@	3 25
Superfine	3 25	@	3 50
Extra	4 00	@	4 25
Family	4 85	@	5 25
Fancy brands	5 25	@	6 00
Wheat, Longberry	0 90	@	0 94
Fultz	0 90	@	0 97
Mixed	0 90	@	0 98
Fair Wheat	0 85	@	0 90
Damp and tough	0 55	@	0 67
Corn, white, old	0 55	@	0 57
Mixed	0 55	@	0 56
New	0 53	@	0 55
Corn Meal	0 57	@	0 59
Rye	0 60	@	0 70
Oats	0 47	@	0 52
Butter, Virginia prime	0 10	@	0 14
Common to middling	0 08	@	0 10
Eggs	0 28	@	0 28
Spring Chickens	0 9	@	0 10
Live Chickens (hens)	0 6	@	0 7
Dressed Turkeys, drawn	0 12	@	0 14
" undrawn	0 10	@	0 12
Veal Calves	0 4	@	0 5
Irish Potatoes (2 bu)	0 60	@	0 85
Onions	1 50	@	1 75
Apples per bushel	0 15	@	0 20
Dried Peaches, packed	0 4	@	0 5
" unpacked	0 22	@	0 27
" cherries	0 8	@	0 10
" Apples	0 4	@	0 5
Dressed Hogs	0 11	@	0 13 1/2
Beacon—Hams, country	0 10	@	0 12 1/2
Best sugar cured Hams	0 10	@	0 10 1/2
Butcher's Hams	0 7	@	0 7 1/2
Sugar-cured Shoulders	0 7	@	0 7 1/2
Pork shoulders	0 6 1/2	@	0 6 1/2
" fat backs	0 5 1/2	@	0 6
" bellies	0 6 1/2	@	0 6 1/2
Bacon Shoulders	0 7 1/2	@	0 7 1/2
" Sides	0 7 1/2	@	0 7 1/2
Lard	0 12	@	0 12 1/2
Smoked Beef	0 12	@	0 12 1/2
Sausages—Brown	0 5 1/2	@	0 5 1/2
" Off A	0 5 1/2	@	0 6
Conf. Standard A	0 6	@	0 6 1/2
Granulated	0 6 1/2	@	0 6 1/2
Coffee—Rio	0 19	@	0 21
Extra Fancy	0 24	@	0 26
Molasses B	0 14	@	0 16
" C	0 17	@	0 22
New Orleans	0 25	@	0 40
Porto Rico	0 22	@	0 32
Sugar Syrup	0 22	@	0 35
Hotter, Eastern, per 100	3 50	@	4 00
Potomac No. 1	4 75	@	5 00
Port Family Row A bbl.	2 50	@	2 75
Do. 1/2 barrel	8 00	@	8 50
Potomac Shad	0 00	@	0 00
Mackerel, small, per bbl.	18 00	@	22 00
" No. 3, medium	20 00	@	24 00
" No. 3, large fat	25 00	@	27 00
" No. 2	4 75	@	5 00
Clover Seed	1 50	@	1 70
Timothy	31 00	@	32 50
Old Process Extra No. 1	2 75	@	5 00
Pistachio, ground, per ton	5 00	@	5 50
Ground in bags	5 50	@	5 75
Lump	5 50	@	5 75
Sal. G. A.	0 70	@	0 80
Flax	1 10	@	1 50
Turk's Island	1 35	@	1 50
Wool—Long unwashed	0 25	@	0 35
Washed	0 30	@	0 32
Merino, unwashed	0 30	@	0 32
Do. Washed	0 70	@	0 75
Samoa	9 00	@	11 00
Hay	12 00	@	14 00
Cut do.	21 50	@	22 25
Wheat Bran 1/2 ton 1/2 cart.	21 00	@	22 00
Brown Middlings	23 75	@	24 50
White Middlings	23 75	@	24 50
Cotton Seed Meal	23 25	@	24 00

There is nothing new to say of the Flour markets; jobbers are buying to supply current needs, and millers do not seem disposed to urge sales by concessions in figures. Wholesale firm and without special inducements, choice samples continue to form a small proportion of the offerings; range for all sorts 85-95. Corn is strong and steady at 54-57 for new and old. Rye 60-70. Oats 48-53. Eggs 28-29. Butter 13-20. Apples, Dressed Hogs, Turkeys, Chickens, Potatoes and other produce are active at quotations. Millfeed is wanted. Hay is dull.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—Cotton dull; middling 9 1/2; Flour dull, Western—Southern steady and firm; Fair 95-100; longberry 95-101; No 2 97 1/2; steamer No 2 red 93 1/2; Western firm; No 2 water lot red and red 96; Jan 97 1/2-97 1/2; May 103 1/2-103 1/2; Corn—Southern active and easier; white 53-58 1/2; yellow 53-58 1/2; steamer 55 1/2; graded No 2 62 1/2; Western easy; mixed 57-58 1/2; year 58 asked; Jan 57 1/2-57 1/2; May 57 1/2-57 1/2; steamer 54 1/2; Oats inactive; ungraded Eastern and Pennsylvania 50-52 1/2; do Western white 51-52 1/2; do mixed 50-50 1/2; graded No 2 white 52; do mixed 50-50 1/2. Rye firm; choice 80-81; good to prime 77-79; common to fair 74-76. Hay steady; choice timothy \$10 50-11; good to prime \$9 50-10. Provisions quiet. Sugar quiet; granulated 6 1/2.

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 11.—Cattle—market steady; prime export and shipping steers \$44-50; native butchers' stock \$24-35; Texas Cattle \$1 35-25 per 100 lbs. Hogs—market steady; light mixed \$3 30-35; prime heavy and butchers' weights \$3 75-40 per 100 lbs. Sheep—sold at 3 1/2-4, and Lambs at 5-6 1/2; light \$3 50-3 55. Sheep lower; natives \$4 40-4 40; Texas \$3-4; Western \$4 05 per 100 lbs. Lambs \$5-5 1/2 per 100 lbs.

ARLINGTON CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 11.—147 cattle were offered and sold as follows: Best 4 1/2; good 3 1/2-4 1/2; medium 3 1/2-4 1/2; common 1 1/2-2 1/2. 316 sheep and Lambs were offered; Sheep sold at 3 1/2-4, and Lambs at 5-6 1/2; light \$3 50-3 55. Sheep lower; natives \$4 40-4 40; Texas \$3-4; Western \$4 05 per 100 lbs. Lambs \$5-5 1/2 per 100 lbs.

Also a full line of HOUSE SLIPPERS. A large stock of RUBBER BOOTS and SHOES also on hand. Call and examine our stock.

From now till after the Christmas holidays our store will be kept open till nine o'clock each night. dec 12 1m

HOLIDAY GOODS.

Lager Raisins, Valencia Raisins, New Currants, Mixed Nuts, New Citron, Cox's Gelatine, Nelson's Gelatine, Chamber's Gelatine, Dried Fruit Corn, Its in Macaroni, Atmore's Mince Meat, Fancy New Orleans Molasses, Sweet Cider, French and American Sardines, Cooking Brandy, French Brandy, Cooking Wine, very old Sherry, Scotch Whisky and Pure Old Rye, Jamaica and St. Croix Rum, Pure New England Rum, Bass & Co's Ale, Guinness Stout, Putnam's Special, Borden's and Co's Extra Dry Champagne, Ackron Cut Meat and Rolled Oats, Becker's Extra Dried Wheat, Olive Oil, Mixed Pickles, Sweet Pickles and Canned Goods All at Lowest Prices.

W. A. JOHNSON & CO., Corner Royal and Cameron sts. dec 10 1/2

DYSON'S LITTLE STORE.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

THE LARGEST LINE OF BOOKS, CHRISTMAS CARDS and BOOKLETS, GAMES and GLOCKS, STATIONERY, ALL PRICES. We are crowded with goods suitable for Xmas presents and they will be sold at the lowest prices. Come and look at what we have, and if you do not see the article wanted ask for it and we will try and find it for you. dec 10 2w S. F. DYSON, 509 King st

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

ATMORE'S MINCE MEAT, in half barrels and 12 buckets PRESERVED QUINCES, PEACHES, PLUMS and STRAWBERRIES. HOME-MADE CHOPPED PICKLE by the quart or gallon. CALIFORNIA and LONDON LAYER RAISINS, whole and quarter boxes. Valencia, Muscatel and Sultanina Raisins. GENUINE GENOA CITRON. FLORIDA and JAMAICA ORANGES, LEMONS and CRANBERRIES. A full assortment of whole and pure ground